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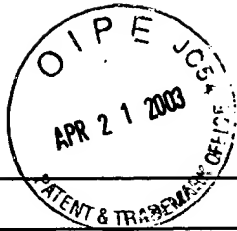
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2003, which set a one month period for response, making a response due April 25, 2003.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action sets forth a Restriction Requirement requiring election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-33 and 45, drawn to methods of "discriminating among a plurality of nucleic acid targets," and;
- Group II: Claims 34-44, drawn to methods of performing an enzymatic reaction.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-33 and 45), without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815 attorney docket number STAN-202.

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